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What's up in worship?

Today: What is the greatest gift you have ever given? What if you could make a lame person walk again? Wouldn't that be something? That would be a terrific gift! How about giving some money away? Nice gift, too. But Peter had something greater to give than money or miracles.

Next Week: Our favorite seminary student Becky Sausser is going to talk about how God's greatest proof for His existence can be found in creation, and the greatest proof of his love can be found in Jesus. Acknowledge Earth Day at Wesley Church!

Today's Community Connections:

- The Church Council will meet today after worship at 12PM in the Library; concluding no later than 2 PM.
- A special meeting for all elected church leadership (leaders and full teams) has been set for Saturday, April 21, from 8:30 – 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be offered. If you have not yet responded to the email, please do so ASAP!
- The Northampton County Outstanding Seniors Awards will take place at Wesley Church on Thursday, April 26, 2018 in Fellowship Hall.
- The "We Got Your Back" Backpack Ministry would like to remind you of their spaghetti dinner on April 28. Dinner at 6 p.m.; Auction begins at 7 p.m. Visit the *Ministry Table* in the atrium for more information.
- If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the Connections Corner table. (See bullet point below.)
- Feel like you missed something? The *Connections Corner* table can help. Head across the atrium and get the information you need just under the tv monitor.
- Don't receive our weekly e-news? Please email Sue Kiefner at: <u>SueK@wesleychurch.com</u> or sign up at Connections Corner to get on the list!

Due to to the presence of illnesses making their way around the congregation (and the community), you are encouraged not to shake hands, but rather fist bump and elbow tap your friends and fellow believers during the greeting.

Worship Alert!

Please be aware of the following time change in worship on May 20th: You are invited to a Celebration of Church and Faith as we celebrate Pentecost all together at 9:00 AM (please note the time!). 14 youth will be confirmed and we will acknowledge the 50th birthday of the United Methodist Church. Come party with us!

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Today's morning schedule:

9:00 - Contemporary worship 10:15 - Sunday School for all ages 11:00 - Classic (traditional) worship Hospitality is offered in the atrium.

Church office hours are from 9 AM-3 PM weekdays during the school year.

† invites all to stand, if able.

Contemporary Worship Order

April 15th, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

† Welcome and Greeting

Andrew Krpata, Pastor

Special Music Medley: Mary Told the Good News/He's Alive Kinderchor Children's Choir

Join with the children in singing as you are led! Music by J. Horman and T. Fettke

† Praising God in Song Made New and Trading My Sorrows The Ensemble

† Scripture Acts 3:12-19; and 4:5-12 Frank Madura, Reader

Children's Message Pastor Andy, Leader

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Bob and Pastor Andy

Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

2 Cor 9:13: Men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

The blue Sign-in Cards / Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks. They, as well as your morning offering, can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along your pew. Thank you!

Music during the Offering: Sons and Daughters The Ensemble

Message "A Greater Gift" Pastor Andy

Musical Response You Love me Anyway (B. McDonald, D. Frey & M. Delavergne) The Ensemble

Please see the insert for the lyrics for the musical response.

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

Andy and Bob

TEACH Rwanda Update Jan Brown

† Closing Song Free The Ensemble

† Closing Words

† Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

April 15th, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude Sarabande from Pour le Piano (C. Debussy) Frank Arbushites, Piano

† Welcome and Greeting Andrew Krpata, Pastor

† Opening Hymn Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #340, United Methodist Hymnal

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Offertory Verset in F (L. Lefébure-Wély) Frank, organ

† Doxology: #94 Hymnal

† Prayer of Dedication

† Scripture Acts 3:12-19; and 4:5-12 Karen Marmaras, Reader

† Hymn: What Gift Can We Bring #87, Hymnal

Message "A Greater Gift" Pastor Andy

Musical Response Grace (C. Hamlin) Chancel Choir

Please see the insert for the lyrics for the musical response.

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† Closing Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory #577, Hymnal

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Dismissal Sentence (Rankin and Wood)

† Postlude Prelude and Fugue in D Major (G. F. Handel) Frank,organ

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

APRIL 8TH

Craig Beach prayers for Carol, radiation treatments for a growth in lung. Laurie Bilheimer & Scott Stackhouse asks for son to make the right decisions; for a patient who has cancer; for Andrew's health; for a couple who lost adult son due to health complications. Kelly Hines prayers for successful knee surgery. Chris Jacobsen for his mom, Sue Jacobsen who struggles with memory issues and for his dad who is primary caregiver to have strength to be strong. Frank Madura asks God's healing for Dennis, Chuck & Mary. God's wisdom as my mother's caregiver & my job search. Kasey Renowden for Mary, Debbie, Jamie, & Francis with cancer. Janet & Debbie with R.A. Dick & Brenda with stage 4 cancers.

Ray & Lin Robey for healing for Jack, Laurie, & Donna; for those suffering a loss, for Ashley & her family at this difficult time. Continued prayers for grandson Derek. Karen Schaefer prayers for Sandy & her son/daughter-in-law on the early birth of grandson & son. Prayers for my nephew Andrew that he makes good choices. Deb Silliman for growth for our teachers, preschool & families at Wesley, to be better disciples and stronger in community together.

APRIL 1ST

John & Carol Covert for friend Katie, difficult pregnancy; friends who lost their second child. Chris Foster for Roby that last chemo treatment rid her of cancer & her neuropathy cease. For all refugees' safety & survival. Tasha & baby's health & well being. Donna Giardina safe travels as she travels to help family; brother's 8th back surgery; my brother-in-law with cancer. Kantner Family for Sandi Berry fighting cancer. Sandy & Andy Kereczman pray for good health for both of us.

Nicole & Christian Lockhart for safe travels to visit colleges & guidance on selecting a school. Prayers for Aunt Gloria, ongoing medical issue and decreased kidney function. Pete Marmaras for mother's peaceful passing; for health concerns; blessings on others in His Service. Robert Stalfer family & daughter Mary; the blessing of family; blessing of Easter and our call to serve. Terry Nighan Pray for my son's safe return home. Rich Clark suffering from immune disorder. Sally Watkins with M.S. Thank you for the flower as it has special meaning for me. Audrey Viglianti for friends w/cancer & waiting for treatments.

Frank & Wendy Arbushites healing for Frank's mom. Gary Jerabek for daughter, Becky, seeing the light in a very dark year.

Jane Kempfer for Georgette with serious health issues/hospital. Meg Ksenzakovic, Keith's mom in and out of hospital – 4 times in 2018; prayers for health & peace. Sharon Schultz for Joe's sister, Susan, surgery for malignant breast lump. Wendy Stehly for Carol, cancer returned; for Gail recuperating from surgery; friend diagnosed with prostate cancer. Carolyn Miller for Larry with dizzy spells, walker to stabilize. Barry Stahr, nephew, spells/monitor. Charlain cancer surgery. Patti Tironi's father, Ben's back surgery.

JOYS AND PRAISES Dot Sekkes home after flu complications. Donna Keiderling gives thanks that she has gotten a job. Patti Tironi He is Risen! I share the joy of Wesley music under the loving, caring direction of Becky and Frank. Thank you for all you do! Wendy Smith with Joy for this wonderful day – Celebrate my Lord – He has risen today!! Audrey Viglianti gives Joy – Praises – Ricky is coming home in 2 weeks. All going well. Thank you for all your prayers. Praise the Lord! Jeff Krause' surgery for removal of cancer, Reggie Young the surgery was successful, all the cancer removed. Walt & Carolyn Migliori that Keenan's procedure went well. Frank Madura shares praise to God for the Caregivers Group & the Thursday Men's Group. Praise God for my being saved. Praise for Gabby recovering from kidney disease.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO Joe Schultz family, the passing of brother, Barry Schultz. Keranie Whipple lost her cousin to cancer. Suzanne Krom lost brother, Scott. Kim Milham family on passing of mother, Judy.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS Tom Keel prayers/rehab from foot surgery. Bob & Carol Barron for Louis, stomach cancer. Walt & Carolyn Migliori for Walt's dad, Martin, amputation recovery. Shirley Brandon's back. Kelly Hines' father/Parkinson's disease. Andy Kereczman cancer. Reggie Young lung cancer surgery. Rebecca Flores chemo & radiation. Ricky Sterner, lung transplant & heart surgery. Melissa Day cancer surgery. Betty Holt, Mesothelioma. Peter Marmaras' mother, Kate. Chuck & Wendy Stehly for Jeff, brain cancer; Ivelisse with breast cancer.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP At Home: George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones
Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin Arlington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Yolanda McKinnon Manor Care Frances Bran

King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman

Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel, Lorene Arnold

Manor Care Frances Brandon
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery

Traditions HOA Betty Holt

<u>WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES</u>: Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief: Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRwanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; Young Inquirers Confirmation Class; UMC Leadership

We ask that you please **update** your prayer request information at <u>least every two weeks</u>. This ensures that your request will remain on the Prayer List. Thank you.